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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/1/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Tyler J. Turner
Office: Council Member, Division D, City of Gonzales
Parish: ASCENSION
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Any

1923 S. Edward Ave.
Gonzales LA 70737-3704

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 12/30/2020
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$1,018.50

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$400
Days Late: 86
Late Fee Order Received: 3/15/21
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 4/14/21
Waiver Request Received: 3/15/21
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate mailed in his waiver request and states that he was unopposed in the election and the only activity he had was the qualifying fee. He received no campaign contributions and had nothing to report. He states that the chart showing the 30-P schedule of reporting and filing dates is not very user friendly insofar as explaining what is required of a candidate unopposed for office. He said when he was notified that he was required to file something he filed it immediately. He had no intent to knowingly fail to timely file the 30-P report.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

Tyler J. Turner
1923 S. Edward Ave.
Gonzales, LA. 70737-3704
March 9, 2021

Board of Ethics
P.O. Bo 4368
Baton Rouge, LA. 70821

Re: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 86 days late

Dear Ms. Newsom,

The record will reflect that I was unopposed in the November 3, 2020 election and the only activity by my campaign was payment of the qualifying fee. I received no campaign contributions and had nothing to report. Your chart showing the 30- P Schedule of Reporting and Filing Dates for Candidates & PACs Supporting or Opposing Candidates is not very user friendly insofar as explaining what is required of a candidate unopposed for office. The first note says "if 2019 annual report filed +January 1, 2020. I have no earthly idea what that means when I look at the legend at the bottom of the chart that gives a date of February 18, 2020. The next note in the chart under 30-P says "if first report-date of first contribution/expenditure. Both notes reference period ending September 24, 2020.

La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(1) provides:

Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a political committee, or any other person required to file any reports under this Chapter, who knowingly fails to file or who knowingly fails to timely file any such reports as are required by this Chapter may be assessed a civil penalty as provided in R.S. 18:1511.4.1 for each day until such report is filed.

As stated above, I had no campaign activity other than qualifying for office and when I was notified by your office that I needed to file something, I immediately did so. I had no intent to knowingly fail or knowingly fail to timely file the 30-P report. The report filed on December 30, 2020 reflects the same thing as my annual reports timely filed for 2020 and 2021.

I respectfully request you waive this fee because I did not knowingly fail or knowingly fail to timely file the 30-P report.

I can appear before your committee if you deem it necessary.

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,



Tyler J. Turner

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